

**Village Council
Monday,
December 7, 2009
7:00 PM**

Minutes

Call to Order: Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Jarvis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

John Bender	Rick Deeds	Bruce Jarvis	Bobbie Mershon
Victor Paini	Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry		

Dr. Bender moved to excuse Mrs. Turner; seconded by Mr. Paini.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Jarvis
 Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

NAYS

Motion carried.

Mr. Deeds asked that Mrs. Turner be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers upon the untimely passing of her husband last Thursday.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to approve the minutes from the November 16th, 2009 meeting of Village Council. Mrs. Mershon seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Jarvis
 Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

NAYS

Motion carried.

Communications & Petitions:

Jody Wilson, of the Diley Ridge Medical Center, stated that construction is on track and they are scheduled to see their first patient in March 2010. This is a \$35 million first phase of three planned phases. It is a 36,000 sq. foot emergency and inpatient center, as well as diagnostics, and a 46,000 sq ft medical office building. The 24 hour emergency department will have Board-certified emergency physicians and nurses and access to both air and ground transportation. The imaging area will include a 64 slice CT, MRI, mammography, bone density and ultrasound, as well as basic radiology. The emergency department expects to treat 10,000 people in the first year its open. It will bring a total of 100 jobs to the area. Diley Ridge will grow. The second phase will include more office space and ambulatory surgery. The final phase will be a full-size acute care hospital. There will also be a Children's Close to Home Urgent Care center.

Diley Ridge awarded \$10 million of contracts for outfitting the building and they are proud to say the 17% of that stayed in Fairfield County. Ms. Wilson showed a sketch of the building and its layout. Open house events are scheduled for February 2010.

The Franklin County Board of Health Third Quarter Report was received.

A notice was received from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control regarding procedures for Permit Renewal Objections for 2010 renewals.

A letter was received from WOW! Communications regarding programming changes in December.

A letter was received from WOW! Communications regarding rate adjustments to begin on January 1, 2010.

A letter was received from the Fairfield County Engineer regarding the VIO-29 Bridge on Waterloo Road between Hill Road and Winchester Road replacement schedule and design preparation work.

A letter was received from Jack Partridge of Columbia Gas of Ohio regarding requests for rate adjustments with the PUCO for the "Rider IRP" program and the "Rider DSM" program. Also attached is the filing notice filed with the PUCO.

Village Residents Comments:

Five-minute limit per person

Jeffery Bond, of 146 Washington Apt C, stated that it would be easier to pay water bills online and thinks the Village should entertain that idea. (It was clarified that the Village does accept credit cards and has for four years.)

Daniel Brobst, of 7100 Oak Creek Lane, spoke regarding the traffic management options and wanted to get more information as to why a 4-way stop wouldn't solve the problem. Mr. Peoples will follow up to answer his questions.

ORDINANCES:

THIRD Reading

Sponsor: Mr. Deeds

O-09-11A AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010.

Mr. Deeds read the ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 61-09. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Jarvis
Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

NAYS
Motion carried.

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon

O-09-11B AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT SELF-INSURANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL OHIO HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR VILLAGE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Mershon read the ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 62-09. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Jarvis
Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

NAYS
Motion carried.

Sponsor: Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry

O-09-11C AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT SIGNAGE TEXT FOR THE WINCHESTER SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry read the ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 63-09. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Jarvis
Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry,

NAYS Mr. Paini, Mr. Deeds
Motion carried.

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis

O-09-11D AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE PRESERVATION GUIDELINES

Mr. Jarvis read the ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 64-09. Mrs. Mershon seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Jarvis
Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

NAYS
Motion carried.

SECOND Reading

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

O-09-11E AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE PRIMA FASCIA SPEED LIMIT OF 45 MILES PER HOUR ON AMANDA NORTHERN ROAD

Dr. Bender read the ordinance; second reading only.

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis

O-09-11F AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT AND CERTAIN CIVIL DIVISION CASES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010 WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS ATTORNEYS OFFICE.

Mr. Jarvis read the ordinance; second reading only.

FIRST Reading

Sponsor: Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry
O-09-12A AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER, REZONING SEVEN PARCELS OF APPROXIMATELY 1.34 TOTAL ACRES FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-3), LOCATED ON WEST MOUND STREET AND WEST OAK STREET

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry read the ordinance; first reading only.

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon
O-09-12B AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 63-08.
Amendment #4

Mrs. Mershon read the ordinance; first reading only.

TABLED Ordinance

Sponsor: Dr. Bender
O-09-09C AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 03-05 AND ADOPT REVISED UTILITY OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dr. Bender moved to remove this ordinance from the table. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Jarvis
Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

NAYS
Motion carried.

Dr. Bender read the ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 65-09; seconded by Mr. Paini.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Jarvis
Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

NAYS
Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Madison Township contacted us in regards to Senior Transportation. Groveport has provided that in the past, but doesn't have the funds to do so next year. We are looking at ways that maybe we can contract with them to help them out.

A thank-you letter was sent to Field Construction on Busey Road who provided the earth work for the new skate park at no charge; saving the Village \$6000.

Fairfield County Sheriff:

Sgt. Kern noted that one of our cruisers was hit in a fatal accident while the mechanic was bringing it back to the sub-station. The cruiser will probably end up being totaled. Also there was another fatal accident last Saturday within the Village limits. That accident is still under investigation. Sgt. Kern read the monthly report.

Village Solicitor:

Mr. Hollins requested an executive session for the purpose of discussion of a potential sale of Village property.

Finance Director:

Ms. Osborn shared her recommendations for water and sewer rate increases and showed council what specifically the rates would do to their personal bills, so they could see the exact effect of the rate changes. Ms. Osborn is recommending that the rate for water be increased from \$5.41/1000 gallons to \$5.52/1000 gallons starting on the first billing cycle of 2010; and the sewer increase from \$5.39 to \$5.52/1000 gallons. Over the course of 5 years, it would be a total of \$0.70 / 1000 gallon increase.

Public Works Director:

Mr. Peoples stated that with a partnership with Columbus, we have been awarded \$2.1 million for the Gender Road safety study. It will widen Gender Road from 4 lanes to 5 lanes from 33 to Winchester Pike, widen Gender to 3 lanes from Winchester Pike to just north of Lehman, put a light at Lehman Rd and relocate Winchester Pike to Winchester Lakes intersection where there will be a new traffic signal. The total project is slated for 2012 at a total cost of \$4.7 million.

The north side of the Gender Road bridge over 33 was repaired at the Village's cost of \$19,000 because ODOT refused to pay. The south side of the bridge should be repaired by ODOT in the near future.

Development Director:

Mr. Strayer stated that several people in the community have asked about the passage of the casino bill and wanted to know if we would bring the casino to this area. Mr. Strayer asked for Council's opinion before he looked into it further. Initial reactions were that it didn't fit the image of Canal Winchester as a small, conservative Village. Council will think it over more and get their thoughts to Mr. Strayer.

Community Affairs Director:

Mrs. Hoover stated that Facebook and Twitter are up and running and she hopes that everyone has had a chance to look at those pages. The Facebook page already has over 550 fans. Christmas in the Village went well and the turnout was much higher than in the past. She thanked all the volunteers that helped to pull it off.

The Employee Appreciation Christmas Party is December 12th and the dinner choices must be filled out by tomorrow and turned into Diane Mays or Mrs. Hoover.

Council Reports:

Old Town Committee	Monday, December 14, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Finance Committee	Monday, February 1, 2010 at 5:45 PM
Service Committee	Monday, December 21, 2009 at 5:45 PM
Safety Committee	Monday, December 14, 2009 at 5:00 PM
Public Hearing	Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:30 PM 2 Rezoning Requests

New Business: None at this time.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Mr. Paini moved to adjourn to executive session; seconded by Mrs. Mershon.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Jarvis
 Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

NAYS

Motion carried. Time out - 7:50pm Time back in - 8:21pm

Adjournment:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting; seconded by Mr. Jarvis.

VOTE: **AYES** Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Jarvis
 Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini

NAYS
 Motion carried. Time out – 8:23pm

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Date

Mayor

NOTE: The minutes set forth herein are an extract of the Council meetings. Anyone desiring a transcript of the complete minutes of the Council meeting may obtain the same at a cost of \$10.00 per page.